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In re application of:

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For: Apparatus for Spacing Hanger and
Transport Assembly Utilizing Same

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2002.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

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--An apparatus for receiving and separating a plurality of hangers having respective necks. The apparatus comprises a body of a substantially rigid material extending along a longitudinal axis. The body has opposite first and second surfaces and a plurality of longitudinally spaced-apart openings. The openings extend between the opposite first and second surfaces and are adapted for respectively receiving the necks of the plurality of hangers. The spacing of the hangers by the body inhibits wrinkling of garments or other objects carried by the hangers. The body has first and second longitudinally-extending portions inclined at an angle relative to each other. The inclination of the first and second portions relative to each other provides rigidity to the body.—

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